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Alexander C. Loui, et al

A METHOD OF DETECTING DUPLICATE PICTURES IN AN AUTOMATIC ALBUMING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 25 - 30:

25. A method for detecting duplicate images comprising the

steps of:

providing at least two images originally captured at determinable

times from original scenes;

computing an indication of image content for each image by dividing each image into blocks, computing an indication of image content in each block, and comparing the computed indication of image content in each corresponding block for the two images to generate a similarity metric for each block;

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